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**In re Application of:
Vail III**

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**For: Methods and Apparatus for
Cementing Drill Strings in Place
for One Pass Drilling and
Completion of Oil and Gas Wells**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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